

SENATE BILL 1863

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to  
qualifications required to teach.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1511, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the commissioner shall not grant a person, on behalf of the state board, a temporary permit to teach a physical education class required under § 49-6-1021(e).

(2) The commissioner may grant a person, on behalf of the state board, a temporary permit to teach a course for which a Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) end-of-course assessment is administered.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(g) The commissioner of education may, upon the request of a director of schools or the director of a public charter school, issue a temporary permit to a person in accordance with subsection (a) to teach any course or subject area, except for special education courses or a physical education course required under § 49-6-1021(e). A director of schools or the director of a public charter school who requests a temporary permit for a person to teach in the 2022-2023 school year, or in a subsequent school

year, shall certify to the commissioner that the LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher for the course or subject area.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6006, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

The commissioner of education may, upon the request of a director of schools or the director of a public charter school, issue an endorsement exemption to a teacher whose license does not carry the necessary subject-specific endorsement to teach a course or subject area for which an end-of-course assessment is required for students to satisfy graduation requirements pursuant to § 49-6-6001(a). A director of schools or the director of a public charter school who requests an endorsement exemption pursuant to this section for a teacher in the 2022-2023 school year, or in a subsequent school year, shall certify to the commissioner that the LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher for the course or subject area.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to temporary teaching permits and temporary endorsement exemptions for individuals to teach in the 2022-2023 school year or in subsequent school years.